

## Annual Report for 2015



### Introduction

In this our 10th year there will be much to celebrate. Over the decade 2006 to 2016, having started with a small grant from Council, our corpus has grown to exceed our \$500,000 target having reached \$619,525 by the end of 2015. Over this time it has been possible to use the interest earned on the funds invested through Australian Communities' Foundation to make 64 grants totalling \$147,968.

Every grant can tell a story. We follow up on each one and many of the stories are broadcast through the local media, particularly through the Star Weekly our media partner. Of the 64 grants 2 have been returned because circumstances changed and the activity couldn't go ahead. We know what the outcomes were for the other 62 and there are no disappointments. It is amazing what can be achieved with committed staff, voluntary effort and a small amount of money.

On the other side of the coin are the givers. Qenos, Compton Green Real Estate, Signcraft, UMS and Hobsons Bay City Council are our Major Sponsors & Partners. They have given time, money, professional services, facilities and equipment. Hobsons Bay Community Fund has no overheads. Every dollar raised goes into the corpus for long term community benefit. This is possible only because these partners truly are partners and have stepped up every time something is needed. In 2015 Koorungal Gold Club also joined this list and will host our 2016 inaugural Golf Day as part of its larger contribution to the Fund.

None of this could happen were it not for a willing and very giving committee; volunteers, who also give time, money and expertise. There has been a tradition of the Mayor and one other Councillor joining the committee each year. In 2015 this was Cr Colleen Gates who had served on the committee before becoming a Councillor and Mayor and Cr Carl Marsich who was Mayor when the Fund was established in 2006. Both knew the ropes well and have given an enormous amount to helping the Fund get started. Craig Eyes, who previously administered grants for the State Government and Vedran Drakulic, CEO of the Gandel Philanthropy, both with young families living in Hobsons Bay, were valuable additions to the committee in 2015. Kathy Barton-Arncliffe, National HR Manager at Signcraft has also opened the door to social media with 300 followers on Facebook.

As part of the wind-up of South West Melbourne Medicare Local \$80,000 was donated to the Hobsons Bay Community Fund. In part these funds will be used for a joint project with the University of Melbourne to research and assist the inclusion of children with disabilities. This will be the first major project to be initiated by HBCF which is being led by committee member Adrian Butera Managing Director of Compton Green.

As always, it has been an absolute joy working with the wide range of partners, supporters, donors and grant recipients. For all of us on the committee it has been a rewarding year. In 2016 with our first major project with Melbourne University, our inaugural Gold Day at Koorungal and celebrations for our tenth year there is much to look forward to.



Hayden Raysmith AM  
Chair

## Grants made in 2015

A total of 49 requests for grants were received in 2015 and 9 grants were distributed totalling \$27,890. The grants made are outlined in the table below.

| Recipient                                       | Amount  | Purpose   |
|---|---------|---|
| Mind Australia                                  | \$3,000 | <p><b>"Turnip 'N' Throw"</b></p> <p>The grant is towards start-up costs of developing a horticultural program. The program is specially designed to offer people recovering from mental health illnesses a therapeutic environment of working together in a community garden setting. The program will be run at Amaroo in Osborne St Williamstown and participants will be encouraged and supported to work in a structured program in the garden once a week.</p>   |
| Seabrook Kindergarten Association Inc           | \$1,500 | <p><b>Cultural Community Cooking Program</b></p> <p>The grant is to support an 8-week cooking experience with the kindergarten's 4 year old children and families. The children attending the kindergarten come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and parents often find it hard to participate in activities due to language barriers. It is anticipated that children will gain a greater understanding of food, where it comes from and how to cook and enjoy foods that represents the cultures of the various families attending the kindergarten.</p>  |
| Joseph's Corner Incorporated                    | \$1,575 | <p><b>Life Skills Program</b></p> <p>Joseph's Corner is a non-profit organisation who provide free counselling to families and friends of people suffering addiction. The grant will support the delivery of 3 - 5 week, 3 hour group sessions throughout the year at the Williamstown Community and Education Centre. The program will be facilitated by the organisation's psychologist and will focus on living resiliently. HBCF funded a similar successful program in the Laverton area in 2012.</p>  |
| The Link Centre Ltd                             | \$4,715 | <p><b>Residential Camp for Youth</b></p> <p>The grant will support a program to take a group of the Centre's attendees to visit an Aboriginal community in Central Australia, including a visit to a remote aboriginal school. The youth will participate in a six-week preparation program at the Link Centre in the lead up to the camp.</p> <p>Attendees at the Link Centre come from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds and generally have poor numeracy and literacy skills, poor health and poor hygiene. Many come from homes where drug and alcohol abuse is common. The youth attending the Link Centre are not currently attending mainstream school.</p> <p>The aim of the Link Centre is for the young people to re-enter mainstream school; enrol at TAFE or to commence an apprenticeship or other meaningful fulltime employment.</p> |
| Altona Meadows Kindergarten and Maternal Health | \$1,200 | <p><b>Sensory Garden</b></p> <p>The grant will support the development of a sensory garden and seating for the children and families to use while attending the kindergarten and the maternal health centre. Five mini gardens are proposed, each representing the human senses.</p>  |
| Laverton P-12                                   | \$5,000 | <b>Engaging fathers with their children</b>   |

| Recipient                                    | Amount          | Purpose  |
|--|-----------------|--|
| College                                      |                 | The grant will support the college's closer engagement with families by creating an opportunity (once a week over 18 weeks) for fathers and a trained teacher to work with their child on a project in the woodworking areas. Following the training fathers and their children will share a meal together and attend an information session on subjects such as parenting, bullying, cyber-safety, effective communication, anger management and mental health-positive approaches.                   |
| Gateway Community Services                   | \$2,900         | <b>Information sessions for Floyd Lodge &amp; Williamstown High Rise</b><br>Through Gateways Food Relief program it has been identified that residents at Floyd Lodge and the High Rise apartments in Williamstown have very little access to information their local community, health and wellbeing. The grant will fund information sessions related to the group's needs including community events, seniors expos, access, depression, Alzheimer's, dementia, and nutrition education.            |
| Early Childhood Management Services          | \$5,000         | <b>Newport Gardens 'Generation Games'</b><br>The grant supports the development of a weekly afternoon tea group to bridge the gap in the community between the elderly and young children. The group would be facilitated by a staff member at the new community hub in Newport and is next to the Newport Gardens Primary School. It would seek to promote civic engagement and creates an opportunity to share stories, skills and knowledge.  |
| Queen of Peace Primary School Altona Meadows | \$3,000         | <b>Sensory/Native Garden</b><br>The grant will support the development of a garden located between the school hall and the church and would benefit the students and the community groups who utilise the existing hall. These groups include the Maltese community, play groups, karate and fitness classes.<br><br>The garden will allow students from Prep to Grade 6 the chance to integrate their environment into their education by giving them a hands on approach from concept to completion. |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>\$27,890</b> |  |

## Pro bono and in-kind contributions

Pro bono and in-kind contributions to HBCF included:

- HBCF website support provided by **technology<atters>**
- Meeting space and venue for Grants Presentation event provided by the **Koorungal Golf Club**
- Catering assistance for Grant Presentation event provided by **Qenos**
- Fundraising efforts by **Hobsons Bay City Council staff** and the **Project 200 team**
- Postage and printing provided by **Compton Green**
- Ongoing maintenance work for community partner The Substation by **UMS**
- Venue and catering for committee meetings provided by **Qenos, Signcraft, Compton Green and Hobsons Bay City Council.**
- Printing of brochures and promotional flyers by **Keima Press.**

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## Financial report

The financial report for 2015 is largely incorporated in the Australian Communities Foundation Annual Report available from their website (<http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/>).

The table below presents a summary of activity for 2015:

|  | Value (\$) |
|--|------------|
| ACF sub-fund opening balance (1 Jan 2015)                      | 543,556.73 |
| Income from donations, grants and other fundraising activities | 83,706.00  |
| Expenditure on grants  | 27,890.00  |
| Expenditure on ACF administrative & management fees            | 10,900.88  |
| Expenditure on other items                                     | 0.00       |
| Change in capital value  | 31,053.40  |
| ACF sub-fund closing balance (31 Dec 2015)                     | 619,525.25 |

A Bendigo Bank account established to meet costs associated with fundraising activities had an opening balance of \$19,445 and a closing balance of \$21,585.

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### Attachment A: HBCF Committee

During 2015, Committee members included:

- Kathy Barton-Ancliffe
- Adrian Butera
- Chloe Carpenter
- John Clarke
- Vedran Drakulic
- Craig Eyes
- Cr Colleen Gates
- Cr Carl Marsich
- David Mattner
- Helen McVay
- Kerri Pyne
- Hayden Raysmith AM (Chair).

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### Attachment B: HBCF Grants Committee

The Grants Committee members in 2015 were:

- Helen McVay
- Kathy Barton-Ancliffe
- David Mattner.

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### Attachment C: HBCF Nominations and Review Committee

The Nomination and Review Committee members in 2015 were:

- Hayden Raysmith AM
- Emma Wooley
- John Clarke.

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## Attachment D: HBCF Supporters and Partners in 2014

Major supporters and partners included:

- The Signcraft Group
- UMS
- Qenos
- Compton Green
- Hobsons Bay City Council.

Supporters included:

- Toll
- Macquarie
- Citywide
- Able Industries Engineering
- Port of Melbourne Corporation
- Newfarm
- Exxon Mobil
- Victoria University
- technology<atters>
- Keima Press
- Ray Horsburgh AM
- Raphael and Fiona Geminder.

Media Partner

- StarWeekly

Community Partners included

- Melbourne City Mission
- The Substation
- Koorringal Golf Club.